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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the United States Postal Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 21, 2010, sentenced Fredrecia Eyten to a term of 5 years of probation following her conviction for wire fraud. Ms. Eyten was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment and pay \$13,945 in restitution. The fraud scheme involved individuals from Nigeria who would agree to buy an item offered for sale on Craigslist, eBay, etc. The Nigerians would send counterfeit checks to the defendant via UPS, Fed Ex, DHL, etc. Ms Eyten would then send the counterfeit checks to the victims as directed by the Nigerians. The Nigerians would either send the victim too much money, thereby necessitating the victim sending back the excess, or would cancel the purchase, necessitating the victim sending a refund. The victims would be instructed by the Nigerians to send the money to the defendant, generally via a Western Union wire transfer. Ms. Eyten would then keep approximately 30% for herself, and wire the rest to the Nigerians. Ms. Eyten waived indictment and pled guilty to an information on November 2, 2009, and was sentenced on January 21, 2010.

Name of Defendant: Fredrecia May Eyten

AKA:

Age: 49

City of Residence: North Platte, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Wire Fraud - 20 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: North Platte, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 12/2005 through 07/2008

Federal Arrest Date: N/A

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: N/A

Initial Appearance Date: 11/02/2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 11/02/2009

Sentencing Date: 01/21/2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: N/A

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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